

Listing and Amendment of the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-20. (cancelled)

21. (currently amended) A method for operating a television apparatus, the method comprising steps of:

~~tuning a channel;~~

~~receiving updated program information from a broadcaster while said channel is tuned;~~

~~determining if a banner is currently displayed in response to receiving said updated program information;~~

~~enabling display of said banner using said updated program information in response to determining that said banner is not currently displayed; and~~

~~updating said banner using said updated program information in response to determining that said banner is currently displayed~~

using a tuner of said television apparatus to tune a program on a channel; and

using a processor of said television apparatus to detect an end time of said program and cause said television apparatus to automatically acquire program information from a broadcaster within a predetermined time period before said end time, said predetermined time period being selected by a user of said television apparatus, and wherein a banner including information for a future program on said channel is automatically displayed in response to said program information.

22. (currently amended) The method of claim 21, wherein said banner includes information for a future program on said channel predetermined time period is selected by said user via an on-screen menu of said television apparatus.

23. (currently amended) The method of claim 22 21, wherein said banner includes at least one of: a title of said future program, a starting time of said future program, and a duration of said future program.

24. (currently amended) The method of claim 21, wherein said ~~updated program information is received from said broadcaster without being requested by said television apparatus~~ future program is a next program on said channel.

25. (currently amended) The method of claim 21, wherein said ~~updated~~ program information includes an updated electronic program guide.

26. (currently amended) The method of claim 21, ~~wherein said banner is automatically displayed within a predetermined time period before a current program on said channel ends~~ further comprised of said television apparatus receiving second program information from said broadcaster while said program is tuned, said second program information being received without being requested by said television apparatus.

27. (currently amended) The method of claim 26, ~~wherein said predetermined time period is selected by a user~~ further comprised of said television apparatus performing steps of:

determining if said banner is currently displayed in response to receiving said second program information;

enabling display of said banner using said second program information in response to determining that said banner is not currently displayed; and

updating said banner using said second program information in response to determining that said banner is currently displayed.

28. (currently amended) A television apparatus, comprising:
means for tuning a program on a channel;

~~means for receiving updated program information from a broadcaster while said channel is tuned;~~

~~means for determining if a banner is currently displayed in response to receiving said updated program information; and~~

~~wherein said banner is displayed using said updated program information in response to said determining means determining that said banner is not currently displayed, and said banner is updated using said updated program information in response to said determining means determining that said banner is currently displayed~~

means for detecting an end time of said program and causing said television apparatus to automatically acquire program information from a broadcaster within a predetermined time period before said end time, said predetermined time period being selected by a user of said television apparatus; and

means for enabling display of a banner including information for a future program on said channel in response to said program information.

29. (currently amended) The television apparatus of claim 28, wherein said ~~banner includes information for a future program on said channel~~ predetermined time period is selected by said user via an on-screen menu of said television apparatus.

30. (currently amended) The television apparatus of claim 29 ~~28~~, wherein said banner includes at least one of: a title of said future program, a starting time of said future program, and a duration of said future program.

31. (currently amended) The television apparatus of claim 28, wherein said ~~updated program information is received from said broadcaster without being requested by said television apparatus~~ future program is a next program on said channel.

32. (currently amended) The television apparatus of claim 28, wherein said ~~updated program information~~ includes an updated electronic program guide.

33. (currently amended) The television apparatus of claim 28, wherein said ~~banner is automatically displayed within a predetermined time period before a current program on said channel ends~~ television apparatus receives second program information from said broadcaster while said program is tuned, said second program information being received without being requested by said television apparatus.

34. (currently amended) The television apparatus of claim 33, wherein ~~said predetermined time period is selected by a user~~ wherein:

said detecting means determines if said banner is currently displayed in response to said television apparatus receiving said second program information;

said banner is displayed using said second program information in response to said detecting means determining that said banner is not currently displayed; and

said banner is updated using said second program information in response to said detecting means determining that said banner is currently displayed.

35. (currently amended) A television apparatus, comprising:

a tuner operative to tune a program on a channel; and

~~an input operative to receive updated program information from a broadcaster while said channel is tuned;~~

~~a processor operative to determine if a banner is currently displayed in response to receipt of said updated program information; and~~

~~wherein said banner is displayed using said updated program information in response to said processor determining that said banner is not currently displayed, and said banner is updated using said updated program information in response to said processor determining that said banner is currently displayed~~

a controller operative to detect an end time of said program and cause said television apparatus to automatically acquire program information from a broadcaster within a predetermined time period before said end time, said predetermined time period being selected by a user of said television apparatus, and wherein a banner including information for a future program on said channel is automatically displayed in response to said program information.

36. (currently amended) The television apparatus of claim 35, wherein said ~~banner includes information for a future program on said channel~~ predetermined time period is selected by said user via an on-screen menu of said television apparatus.

37. (currently amended) The television apparatus of claim ~~36~~ 35, wherein said banner includes at least one of: a title of said future program, a starting time of said future program, and a duration of said future program.

38. (currently amended) The television apparatus of claim 35, wherein said ~~updated program information is received from said broadcaster without being requested by said television apparatus~~ program information includes an updated electronic program guide.

39. (currently amended) The television apparatus of claim 35, wherein said ~~banner is automatically displayed within a predetermined time period before a current program on said channel ends~~ television apparatus receives second program information from said broadcaster while said program is tuned, said second program information being received without being requested by said television apparatus.

40. (currently amended) The television apparatus of claim 39, ~~wherein said predetermined time period is selected by a user~~ wherein:

said controller determines if said banner is currently displayed in response to said television apparatus receiving said second program information;

said banner is displayed using said second program information in response to said controller determining that said banner is not currently displayed; and

said banner is updated using said second program information in response to said controller determining that said banner is currently displayed.